

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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Returned to applicant for correction.....

Corrected application filed.....

Map filed..... JUL 26 1977 under 31888

The applicant..... Pitchfork Ranch, Inc.

P.O. Box F-F....., of..... Yerington
Street and No. or P.O. Box No. City or TownNevada 89447....., hereby make.... application for permission to appropriate the public
State and Zip Code No.waters of the State of Nevada, as hereinafter stated. (If applicant is a corporation, give date and place of incorporation; if a
copartnership or association, give names of members.)..... October 1975-Yerington, Nevada1. The source of the proposed appropriation is..... Underground
Name of stream, lake, spring, underground or other source2. The amount of water applied for is..... 6.0 cfs - 2,200 acft/a (see remark).....second-feet
One second-foot equals 448.83 gals. per min.

(a) If stored in reservoir give number of acre-feet.....

3. The water to be used for..... Supplemental Emergency & Drought Relief (See Remarks)
Irrigation, power, mining, manufacturing, domestic, or other use. Must limit to one use.

4. If use is for:

(a) Irrigation, state number of acres to be irrigated.....

(b) Stockwater, state number and kinds of animals to be watered.....

(c) Other use (describe fully under No. 12. "Remarks").....

(d) Power:

(1) Horsepower developed.....

(2) Point of return of water to stream.....

5. The water is to be diverted from its source at the following point..... Within Lot 5 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) Section 4
Describe as being within a 40-acre subdivision of publicT11N, R26E, MDM at a point from which the NW corner of Section 5 T11N, R26E,
survey, and by course and distance to a section corner. If on unsurveyed land, it should be so stated.

MDM bears N 65° 53' 19" W, a distance of 6,008.63 ft.

6. Place of use..... see attached
Describe by legal subdivision. If on unsurveyed land, it should be so stated.7. Use will begin about..... January 1.....and end about..... December 31....., of each year.
Month and Day Month and Day8. Description of proposed works. (Under the provisions of NRS 535.010 you may be required to submit plans and
specifications of your diversion or storage works.)..... drilled and cased well, equipped with motor,
State manner in which water is to be diverted, i.e. diversion structure, ditches andpump and ditch system
flumes, drilled well with pump and motor, etc.

\$50,000.00

9. Estimated cost of works.....

2 years

10. Estimated time required to construct works.....

If well completed, describe works.

11. Estimated time required to complete the application of water to beneficial use 5 years - water will supplant
~~existing surface decreed water rights~~

12. Remarks: For use other than irrigation or stock watering, state number and type of units to be served or annual consumptive use:
see attached

By s/Michael D. Buschelman Agent
5405 Mae Anne Avenue
Reno, Nevada 89523

Compared bc/bc

Protested.....

DENIAL OF STATE ENGINEER

deny

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing application, and do hereby ~~grant~~ the same, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

Application 57577 is hereby denied on the grounds that the granting of this application for appropriation of groundwater in this basin would tend to conflict with existing rights and otherwise threaten to prove detrimental to the public interest.

The amount of water to be appropriated shall be limited to the amount which can be applied to beneficial use, and not to exceed.....cubic feet per second.....

Work must be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and be completed on or before.....

Proof of completion of work shall be filed before.....

Application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before.....

Proof of the application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before.....

Map in support of proof of beneficial use shall be filed on or before.....

Completion of work filed.....
Proof of beneficial use filed.....
Cultural map filed.....
Certificate No.....Issued.....

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, R. MICHAEL TURNIPSEED, P.E.
State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my
office, this 8th day of March,
A.D. 1996
R. Michael Turnipseed P.E.
State Engineer

**ITEM NO. 6 - PROPOSED PLACE OF USE
AND
ITEM NO. 12 - REMARKS**

**APPLICANT - PITCHFORK RANCH, INC.
PROPOSED USE - SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY AND DROUGHT RELIEF**

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ITEM NO. 6 - PROPOSED PLACE OF USE

Township 12 North, Ranch 26 East, MDM.

SECTION 29: SW1/4SW1/4
SECTION 30: SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SE1/4
SECTION 31: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, N1/2SE1/4
SECTION 32: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4
SECTION 33: W1/2SW1/4

Township 11 North, Range 26 East, MDM.

SECTION 4: LOTS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15
SECTION 5: NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4
SECTION 9: LOTS 2, 7, & 9
SECTION 10: W1/2SW1/4
SECTION 14: NW1/4SW1/4
SECTION 15: E1/2NW1/4, N1/2SE1/4

ITEM NO. 12 - REMARKS

Refer to supporting maps filed under Application No.s 31888 and 31889 to support this application.

During the past 5 years of drought, the Walker River has not provided enough water to supply the full allotment decreed to the Pitchfork Ranch under Claim No.s 93, 124 and 151. These decreed rights allow for the irrigation of approximately 1,300 acres. Since the irrigation season began in April of 1987, the Pitchfork Ranch has lost over \$600,000.00 in hay production, crop damage, and other drought related costs. Additional losses will be experienced again because of the lack of water for the 1992 irrigation season.

A dependable alternate source of supplemental water is required to sustain the economic viability of this business. The water requested on this application will be utilized to supplement existing decreed water rights. The requested 2,200 acre feet per year is a temporary use of water. The full amount requested may not be required if surface water sources are capable of supplying a greater allocation of water.

The continuation of this drought beyond one or two seasons has left Pitchfork Ranch with no other economic alternative than to request supplemental underground water rights.